

September 06, 2023

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
EL PASO DIVISION**

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
By: DT  
Deputy

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

Case No: EP:23-CR-01706-DCG

**Plaintiff,**

**INDICTMENT**

V.

CESAR ARTURO GONZALEZ,

**Defendant.**

## **CT 1: 18:554-Smuggling Goods from the United States.**

**Defendant.**

THE GRAM

## THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

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**COUNT**

(18 U.S.C. § 2433)

INTRODUCTION

## **times relevant to this Indictment:**

**At all times relevant to this Indictment:**

**COUNT ONE**

(18 U.S.C. § 554)

## **INTRODUCTION**

**At all times relevant to this Indictment:**

1. The Commerce Control List (“CCL”), located at Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 774, details commodities, software, and technology subject to control by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security pursuant to the Export Control Reform Act, Title 50, United States Code, Chapter 58.
  2. The CCL is part of the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”), located at Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 730 *et seq.*
  3. Firearms are designated as controlled items in Section 774, Appendix Supplement Number 1 of the CCL.
  4. Ammunition is designated as controlled item in Section 774, Appendix Supplement Number 1 of the CCL.
  5. According to Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 736.2, a person may not export an item subject to the EAR to another country if exporting that item to that country requires a license.
  6. Exportation of firearms and ammunition to Mexico requires a license.
  7. Defendant Cesar Gonzalez did not have a license or any authority to export firearms or ammunition out of the United States to Mexico.

That on or about October 6, 2021, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant,

**CESAR ARTURO GONZALEZ,**

knowingly and unlawfully concealed, bought, or facilitated the transportation and concealment of any merchandise, article and object, prior to exportation, knowing the same to be intended for exportation from the United States, contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, to-wit: an FN, model SCAR 20S, multi-caliber rifle with one magazine for 7.62mm caliber ammunition, which is a controlled item as defined in the CCL, and the Defendant had not received a license or authorization for such export, in violation of Title 50, United States Code, Section 4819 and Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 774 and 736.2(b)(1), all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 554.

A TRUE BILL.

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FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

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